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recent articles on Soviet-Yugoslav relations which appeared in Pravda and the Yugoslav newspaper, Borba

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- a. Concerning the recent articles, there are some comrades who see in them the fact that the Soviets have finally regained their senses. There are others who affirm that we Communists have finally recognized the errors and wrongs we have committed against our Yugoslav comrades. The problem, according to Pravda, does not depend on either of these factors. The only necessary thing now is to do everything possible to bring about the normalization of relations between the two countries; to reach a solution, and thereby to work in the interests of the general peace.
- b. In Yugoslavia, powerful forces are fighting for the normalization of relations between the two countries, and this is a boon for the Socialist front. There are others, who are probably capitalists, who oppose the accords and who will do everything in their power to sabotage the effort. We must defeat the latter in the interests of peace. We must make every effort, since, at long last, Yugoslavia is returning to the Socialist world; Yugoslavia is returning to the side of those peoples and parties which, for a number of reasons, it abandoned in 1948 in order to move toward the West.
- c. On the international plane this accord is highly probable. On the local level, however, it will be more difficult, since no one will take the initiative or accept any of the blame.

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